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Rep. Bacchiochi: Grant Okayed for Stafford Historical Society



A \$3,500 arts grant that will fund a Stafford Historical Society project to restore old photographs and archives has been approved by the state Office of Policy and Management, said state Representative Penny Bacchiochi, R-52nd District, who helped secure the funding.

“The Stafford Historical Society is committed to preserving artifacts, documents and other memorabilia that provide links to the town’s past for citizens and scholars interested in learning more about local history and legends,” Representative Bacchiochi said. “Some of that history includes photographs and archives that have begun to fade or yellow. This grant will help the society pay for the restoration and preservation of those photographs and documents and ensure that they are available to researchers and residents for years to come.”

The grant will enable the society to mat and frame the at-risk photos and archives in non-acidic materials and cover them with ultra-violet protective glass, Representative Bacchiochi said.

“I’d like to thank Representative Bacchiochi for helping us secure this grant,” said Rebecca Kraussmann, the Historical Society’s Corresponding Secretary. “This grant is helping us preserve an important part of Stafford’s history. We’re using the funds to conserve documents in our collection such as photographs, lithographs, drawings and newspapers. If it weren’t for Penny, we might not have gotten the grant. She let us know the funding was available and helped us meet the deadline for submitting the grant application. She’s my hero.”

“We have already conserved two 19th Century documents from our collection. One is a lithograph and the other is a pencil drawing. We’re having several photographs, posters and maps being archivally matted and framed by Michael Robinson at Picture Perfect in Stafford, who is doing the work at cost for us. Stafford’s business community and the citizens who volunteer their time to help the historical society have been very supportive,” Mrs. Kraussmann said.

“We also will be ordering more archival storage material, including non-acidic boxes, tissue paper and mylar envelopes for documents and photographs that are still in good

condition but need to be protected,” said Mrs. Kraussmann, who also works on the society’s collections with Curator Isabell Zabilansky and President David Bartlett and the Collections Committee.

The project will be completed by September 30th, Mrs. Kraussmann said.